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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Government have permitted local boards to appoint, wherever they choose to do so, Licentiates in Indian Medicine of the Government Indian Medical School, Madras, to be in charge of rural dispensaries subsidised by Government. No orders have however been passed by Government compelling local bodies to appoint L.I.M.'s in dispensaries, the expenditure of which is wholly met by them. No local body has contravened the instruction regarding the appointment of L.I.M.'s to subsidised rural dispensaries. The question of registering practitioners of Indian Medicine and prohibiting the appointment of practitioners, who are not registered, as medical officers in any institution of Indian Medicine maintained or aided by the State or local bodies or both is under the consideration of Government.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Districts without temple committee.

* 35 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the districts which at present have no temple committees working in them and the periods they have been without such committees respectively?

A.—A statement [a] is appended showing the districts in which temple committees are not functioning at present and the dates on which the terms of the committees which were functioning previously expired. No temple committee has been constituted for the Malabar district until now.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" Practically the whole Presidency is without any temple committees. How is the work being carried on? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" I am afraid I am not responsible for that. The hon. Member is aware that, when he was Minister, these committees went on functioning through nomination. Subsequently I had to consult the Advocate-General, in view of a doubt thrown upon that by the High Court of Madras and the Advocate-General gave his opinion that we could not constitute a committee filling it by nomination. Under another Act passed by this House, the Board has power to look after committee temples also. Proposals to constitute committees otherwise than by a direct electorate are now under consideration."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" How long has the hon. Minister been in charge? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" I may state the proceeding that was started by the previous Minister was continued by me, and the Advocate-General advised me that we had no power in that matter."

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 114–115 infra.